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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The last thing the economy needs is for Microsoft to suffer damage at the hands of the federal government. If Microsoft is punished to the extreme for their antitrust violations, the consumer will suffer and the technology industry will receive a crippling blow. Last November, a settlement was proposed that allows Microsoft to remain intact, but prevents future antitrust violations. I do not believe that further action is necessary on the federal level.

The settlement provides means through which computer makers and software producers will be able to compete fairly with Microsoft, either by operating within the Microsoft framework, or working independently. For example, Microsoft has agreed to reformat future versions of Windows so that non-Microsoft programs will be supported within the operating system. Microsoft has also agreed not to take retaliatory action in the event that software should be introduced into the market that directly competes with Microsoft technology. I believe the settlement is generous on Microsoft's part, and I do not wish to see this generosity taken advantage of.

I do not believe litigation should be continued against the Microsoft Corporation. Those who are currently seeking to undermine the settlement do so for their own profit and not for the greater good. I urge you to support the settlement. It is time to move on.

Sincerely,  
Janet Robison

